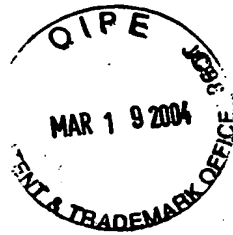


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2003, the following remarks traversing the outstanding grounds for rejection are presented:

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-22 are presently pending in this application.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 13-22 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-17 of U.S. Patent No. 6,507,006 and claims 1-8 of copending Application No. 09/926,297.

In response to the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer which obviates the double